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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Chairman
Horry County Board of Registration
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Dear Mr. Beverly:

Mr. McLeod has referred to me the copy of your recent letter to Mr. Bowers. You have stated that the maps on file in your office and the State Election Commission conflict with the map on file with the Division of Research and Statistical Services. You have inquired which map would prevail and requested an opinion of our Office and Mr. Bowers.

I have discussed this question with Mr. Bowers and I understand he will be writing you concerning this matter. Mr. Bowers and I agree that the maps on file in Mr. Bowers' office would be the official maps. I believe the last re-precincting of Horry County was conducted in 1977 pursuant to Act No. 202. (copy enclosed). This Act sets out the names of the precincts and then states in pertinent part that

[t]he precinct lines defining the above precincts are as shown on maps filed with the Clerk of Court of the county and also on file with the State Election Commission as provided and maintained by the Division of Research and Statistical Services of the State Budget and Control Board. (emphasis added).

This Act was submitted to the Justice Department and no objection was entered by the Department.

I have been informed that the map on file with the Division of Research was the map approved by the Justice Department. As this map received official approval from the Justice Department, I believe that it would be the precinct map that should be followed. Sincerely,

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Senior Assistant Attorney General

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